

Lee Hollis, July 28<sup>th</sup>/84.

Will you read and post Mrs Dally's  
and will you send her the letter

My dear Husband, added of your spent in  
Calcutta. In Clark  
Your letter was indeed

an upsetting of all our ideas concerning  
your whereabouts. On the very day it  
arrived, 25<sup>th</sup>, we thought you would  
be landing, and by this time you  
should have been in Allahabad on  
your way to Calcutta. Will I hope  
you are at any rate nearing Bombay  
I wish I had been with you to see the  
stir at Luck I should not have minded  
a little rushing. What a curious and  
interesting sight it must have been.  
I am glad you saw those lovely trees  
upon the water. When I came home  
it was all one grey and brown, a  
strange contrast to the loveliness of  
the scene when I went out. Ah well  
I shall be very glad when I know you  
are safe landed in Calcutta.  
You have a bad memory. I told  
you a year ago that I was writing

this story. I wrote the pencil copy then  
and laid it aside and ran. I am  
finishing it. I find I sit out very  
comfortably by taking the four hours  
in the morning. I hope to finish the  
second volume tomorrow. I am  
much better in health now that I  
get more quiet. Indeed I have nothing  
to complain of so long as I do not go  
beyond my tether. Mamma has  
not been so well since Sunday. I  
think she tried to do too much when  
she was down stairs, but I hope she  
will soon get back the lost pound.  
She sends her love to you and says  
how much she misses your evening  
visits. Everyone here sends kind  
messages to you. I wrote to Ernest  
last Saturday asking him to come  
and spend a fortnight with us any  
time after March 20. I have not  
heard from him yet. I am writing  
to Watson today about the deck  
chair. It is a great nuisance not  
to have it. It means so much

extra comfort on board, when you  
leave your own seat and your own  
place. I am enclosing a letter for Mrs  
Dalby asking her to send me some  
more brass work, for Aunt Susan  
and Mr Cooper (Julia's sister). They  
will give me £15 so will you deduct  
that sum from what you send to  
me and send the equivalent of  
£13. in rupees, to Mrs Dalby.  
The remaining £2 will be required  
for Mr. Curtis' charges in Calcutta  
but if it should be more, I will make  
it all right. No, on second thought  
you had better send the whole to Mrs  
Dalby, as I want her to send me  
some trunks. And then please deduct  
Mr Curtis' charges from what you  
send me afterwards. The parallel  
version not turned up yet. I  
will send the prayer books and the  
one I mean for a birthday present  
for you by the time you are back in  
Dairehling. He had a nice Shakespeare

reading on Tuesday at the Imperial  
Hotel the hostesses being Mrs Beards  
and Miss Gordon. The play was  
bravo and quiet, and the parts  
were very well taken. We never  
had such a large gathering before, there  
were nearly forty. I have seen a  
good deal of Mrs Thompson, she  
is very pleasant. How pained I  
am at the part the clergy have  
taken in that Oxford laboratory  
affair. That they should stand up  
as supporters of such devilish conduct  
in the interests of science (so called)  
is to me unaccountable. It will  
do them much harm in the esteem  
of humane people. Have you read  
what the Spectator says on the matter  
do look it up. It begins from about  
p. 714<sup>th</sup> on in these notes. How I do  
abhorrate that practice of vivis-  
section I would never, if I knew,  
touch the hand of a man who practised  
it. And now good bye, All loving  
thoughts and prayers for you from  
M. J. P.